

**Sammamish Arts Commission Meeting**  
**August 20, 2012**  
**Minutes**

**Attendees:**

**Commissioners** – Chair, Daphne Robinson, Barbara Jirsa, Lin Garretson, Claradell Shedd, Anne Schaefer

**City Staff** - Joe Guinasso, Allison Gubata

**Absent** - Bharath Sankaranarayan, Bala Subramanian, Max Montrey, Mary Lynn Vance

**Call to Order** - Meeting was called to order at 6:40 pm.

**Note Approval of June 25, 2012 Minutes** - Commission Meeting Minutes approved via email.

**Bus Shelter project** – Artists Katie & Emily Dobbs shared their experience of painting the Metro Bus Shelter panels. It was difficult being on the floor a lot for painting the panels. The 1<sup>st</sup> time she painted a mural was in Bolivia. Katie was very appreciative of this opportunity and showed professionalism from beginning to end. Installation will be sometime in September 2012. This design works its way down from the design in the glass down to the panels Katie & Emily painted.

**2012 Budget and Financial Report YTD** - Expenditures YTD: \$12,546. Current 2012 expenditure forecast projection indicates a sub total of \$27,411.36. Chair, Daphne Robinson proposed that it is a good time to invest in purchasing cases to display 3 dimensional artwork. Barbara Jirsa will contact Allison and Ross Fine Arts Services for cost proposals.

**Lighting** – The poor lighting in the Commons Gallery has garnered many negative comments from guests. Joe and Allison will look into how the existing lighting can be improved to enhance viewing of artwork.

**2013 4Culture Grant** – The deadline for Sustained Support Grant application is September 26<sup>th</sup>. 4Culture is not encouraging arts agencies to apply jointly with parks and recreation departments. Daphne and Allison will be completing the application

**Sammamish Nights Music/Art Walk**– This event was a wonderful collaboration with Sammamish Chamber of Commerce for SAC to sponsor live music and art walk featuring Sammamish Arts Fair artists.

**Arts Fair Programs update** - Chalk walk will be available to all ages between City Hall in the plaza and the King County Library. Programming this year will be geared for children and will include a community mural, music, Thistle Theatre, Poetry Machine & a potter's wheel.

Arts Commissioners will be asked to donate a couple of hours each as greeters at the door & will have a flyer of upcoming events and information about the Arts Commission at the door.

Special t-shirts will be worn to identify Arts Commission volunteers.

**Interfaith Art update** – Daphne put Najat in contact with Cheryl Smith, mosaic artist who just completed a large scale mosaic in a local church and works with many projects fostering understanding across faiths. Ms. Smith has offered to mentor the students in their pursuit of an art project that brings students of many faiths together.

**Jet City Improv** – The popular improve show will be at a new location – the EX3 Teen Center – on Thursday, October 25, 2012.

**2013 Planning Meeting**

Audience first is the focus; continue to ask them to be involved.

What is the Arts Commission “arch” or story in what we have selected for the calendar? How are the programs and events connected in their focus?

We might focus on “art for all”. The idea is to appeal with a message on something for everybody. There would be something on the calendar that will peak your interest in some way. 4Culture is encouraging Local Arts Commissions to reach out to underserved pockets within communities.

### **Skateboard exhibit – June**

**Utility Box** – City of Seattle has a program that they do for their traffic signal boxes. \*Joe will talk to City of Sammamish PW Director regarding painting of the traffic signal boxes. Suggest having a limited call to artists (25 artists) who receive a letter of interest and their proposal. Arts Commission would organize. City-wide Utility Box painting competition

**Build It Sammamish - A LEGO Bricks Building Event – Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.** – 12 interactive stations, run a competition. Deb Sogge at Chamber was suggested as a contact for marketing to local businesses etc. Estimated cost: \$600.00

**Art in Empty Storefronts Program + Art Pop-ups:** *Suggestions* Plein Air Painting- Michelle Rushmore; Museo Art Academy Print Making; Henry & Mei big art for small kid’s possibly big easels doing artwork in storefronts or outside (Winter or Summer). As an option, this event could piggy back onto the Parks & Recreation Summer Concerts (mid-July – all of August) Art Pop Up could occur in any season. Something that allows people in the community a vehicle to communicate out, the joy of doing it, market it as “art pop up” what costs would be involved in this \$150 for 3 hrs. to the artist supplies \$150 could be suddenly music is playing, or another form of art. If it could be outside use volunteers to pick up tents from city etc. put the store fronts and under the canopies as one heading i.e.: pop ups etc.

**Artist Cheryl Leo Gwin – late April thru June** (2 month exhibit) Chinese Artist in May collaborate with University of Washington

**Simple Measures - April** – Estimated cost: \$3,500 - \$4,000

**Seniors Making Art** - Gail Baker & Sandy Howard (instructors) have identified that there is always a drop-out rate towards the tail end of the courses; however Sammamish had a higher retention. Perhaps 4-5 weeks would be better than 7 weeks February and May for the next classes. Might be able to have 3 if the rate for a shorter length of class is less. Estimated cost: \$3,200

**Poetry Event – April** - Michael Dillon Welch will be contacted to host. It was suggested that the SAC may be able to bring local children’s Jack Prelutsky. He did an event with musicians on Orcas Island and works with children’s literature some of his poems are put to music. Estimated cost unknown.

**Swil Kanim – September** - Native American month. Beaver Lake Lodge. Estimated cost: \$2,500

**Special Needs & Underserved Art program** - There is a conversation with local community organizations who may want to plan and execute art programs. There has been a great response of people who want to help. Arts Commissioner Lin Garretson knows of an Art Therapist for special needs who is willing to volunteer their time. ARC is also interested in participating with this program. We would sponsor and control, find the right venue, instruction, materials and SAC would fund. Marketing to select people, take a list and they would register. Dimensional/clay project would be offered for the initial program and we would recommend that a parent or supervisor would need to accompany each child. Suggest the Boys & Girls club as a venue and Feb 7<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> 1-2:30 for a class. It would be great to show the product from these classes in the cases if the SAC purchases. The Arts Commission would provide the leadership someone else needs to do the mechanics.

**Life Stories /Teens & Seniors Connection** - 11:00 – 2:00 p.m. on a Saturday at King County Sammamish Library. Estimated cost: \$400 per event

**Heritage Group** - Tribute to the Native people of Sammamish

**Sammamish Nights - August** - Estimated cost: \$2,000

**Arts Fair – October** - Estimated cost: \$8k – \$10k

**ACT Theatre** – calendar of plays not yet available for 2013. Estimated cost: \$2,200

**Jet City Improv – October** - Estimated cost: \$2,500

**Adjourn**

**Next regular SAC meeting – Monday, September 17, 2012 – 6:30 pm**

***“When action is led by thoughtfulness and driven by passion people can do great things.”***